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l percent, and just recently, they've been underestimated. Nebraska would need to build a new 300 bed prison every year between now and 2005 just to try to keep up with the current rate of growth. I don't think that I can support the bracket bill because I think it's something we need to deal with, and...but I would like to seriously consider Senator Pedersen's amendment. My survey in my district concerning this, 83 percent of the people in my district were for this prison, and while that's overwhelming for this, I...I still question the wisdom of simply building more and more facilities without addressing any of the other problems that surround that. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I want to take Senator Wehrbein back to some of the practical problems, and he is approaching from the back, so, Senator Wehrbein, the question...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the question I am going to put to Senator Wehrbein is the following. Senator Wehrbein, first of all, no site has been selected for this prison, isn't that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, that's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If no site has been selected, we don't know what the terrain will look like or to what depth the footings must be sunk, do we?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the depth of the footings would probably be known in Nebraska because of the frost line, it's pretty consistent, but it takes a hundred acres, approximately, for this, and so that would have to be part of the proposal. I would assume with somewhat level site, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you...you're telling me, if I understand you correctly, that the terrain in Nebraska is so consistent that anywhere within this state where you would find that amount of acreage, the footings would be sunk to the same depth.